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Application No. 10/576,480

I. Features of Claim 1

- "an intake port opened to the hermetic container and leading to the muffling space" (See e.g. intake port 143 of FIG. 2)
- "a gas catcher surrounding the intake port and opened facing an orifice of the suction pipe" (See e.g. gas catcher 144 of FIG. 2)

II. Features of Harper (U.S. Pat. 5,496,156)

- a suction muffler (See e.g. suction muffler 80 of FIG. 2)
- a "funnel-like" inlet port included in the front wall of the muffler (See e.g. inlet port 102 of FIG. 2)

III. Differences between claim 1 and Harper

- Claim 1 includes an intake port AND a gas catcher.
- Harper solely includes ONLY a funnel-shaped inlet port 102.
 - Inlet port 102 corresponds to the intake port of claim 1
- Harper fails to disclose a gas catcher